Thurston Coalition for Women’s Health
May 14, 2013
Time: 1:30PM – 3:00PM
Location: Thurston County Courthouse, Building One
Room 152


Welcome

Progress
Funders Update
TCPHSS as lead agency has just submitted their renewal application for continued funding of the Girl’s Circle Study. In the next year of the study the evaluation of our project will change. Our evaluators will change as may part of the research study itself. In the next few weeks we will be working to put together a reorganized research design and evaluation plan with a new set of evaluators for review by our funders. We will also be participating in a site visit that includes our national evaluators, Mayatech June 12-13th. We look forward to including the Coalition in a luncheon with the evaluators on June 12th. We will be sending out more information about this soon.

Girls Circle Update
YWCA gave an update on the progress of Girl’s Circle. Please see attached notes for more information on the number of girls served, the satisfaction results, and focus group results. In the next year, the YWCA is looking for additional support to support the girls and facilitators that are a part of the Girl’s Circle program. The YWCA is looking into options for local mentoring to girls possibly with a connection to the Big Brothers, Big Sisters Program. The YWCA is also hoping to partner with organizations that might be willing to offer counseling services to girls that they serve at reduced rates or free of charge. Additionally, the YWCA would like to find a resource within the licensed counseling community that could offer peer consultation to the facilitators of Girl’s Circle. The Coalition discussed looking into possibilities with Saint Martin’s University Master’s in Counseling Program, Junior League of Olympia, and the Soroptimists. If you have other ideas for the YWCA please contact Hillary Soens at hsoens@ywcaofolympia.org

Behavioral Health Subcommittee Update
In May 2012, the Coalition prioritized Behavioral Health as the next priority of the Coalition. Since that time, the Behavioral Health Subcommittee has met three times and they now offer their report with recommendations to the Coalition for its consideration. The committee followed a process of looking through local data, considering gaps and capacity that currently existed for women and girls, and looking at possible interventions
that might fit. The committee focused on their work on multi-faceted, coordinated comprehensive programming that was resiliency based. The work of the committee was approved by the Coalition. The report will remain on-line on the Coalition’s webpage at: http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/health/personalhealth/womenchildren/coalitionforwomenshealth.html

Communications Subcommittee Update
The work of the Communications Subcommittee was highlighted today with the first public release of the videos. These videos were produced by Together! and were made in coordination with the Girl’s Without Limits Spring Break Camp. The videos address healthy relationships and are a part of the Communication Blueprint for the Coalition. The videos are now available to show to the public and we request and encourage you to share and show them—the bigger the spread of the videos, the bigger the impact.


Together also has posters available to put up where youth congregate. Please let them know if you need posters. You can contact Danielle Koenig at: dkoenig@thurstonTogether.org

Meeting Evaluation

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Next Meeting:

Thursday August 8th, 3:00 – 4:30 PM,

TCPHSS, Room 107BC